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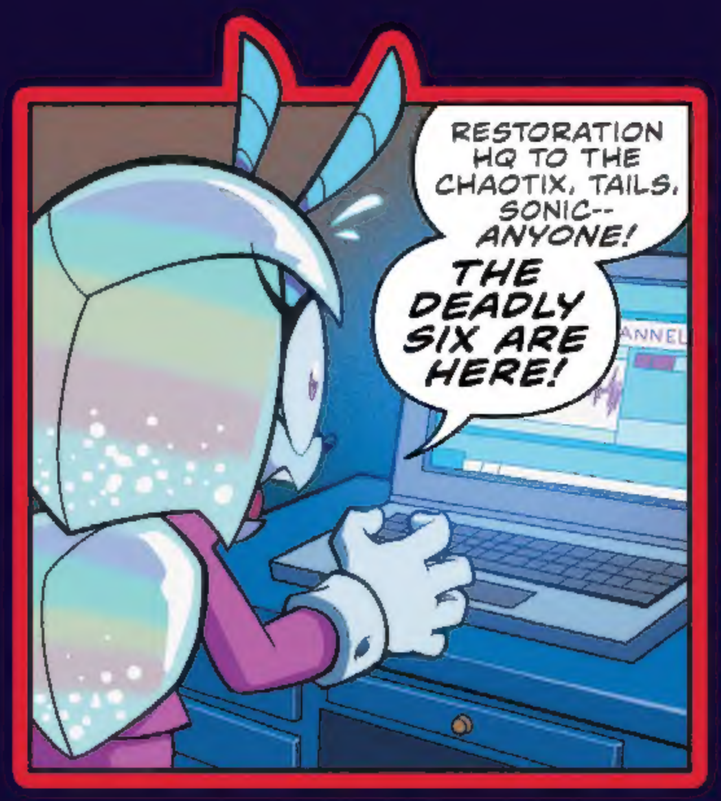
STORY SO FAR

I PRESENT TO YOU--THE ZETI ZAPPER!
I BUILT THEM BY REVERSE-ENGINEERING ZAVOK'S CHAOS EMERALD SIPHON.

...ABOARD THE ZETI LAUNCHER!
IT WILL AUTOMATICALLY RETURN THEM TO LOST HEX WHERE THEY WON'T BE ABLE TO BOTHER ANYONE!


RESTORATION HQ TO THE CHAOTIX, TAILS, SONIC--ANYONE!
THE DEADLY SIX ARE HERE!

HAHA! SPLENDID!
WHILE I DID GET A USEFUL SAMPLE FROM THE FRACAS AT THE CHATEAU, YOU LEFT QUITE THE IMPRESSION ON ME.
PHYSICALLY AND METAPHORICALLY.
I BELIEVE YOU'D BE PIVOTAL TO COMPLETING MY CURRENT PROJECTS. I'M SURE YOU'RE AWARE HOW MUCH I TREASURE DR. EGGMAN'S WORKS. YOU KNOW I WILL HANDLE YOU WITH THE UTMOST RESPECT.
GYEEP!

SONIC THE HEDGEHOG
The Blue Blur.
Fastest Thing Alive.

MILES "TAILS" PROWER
Tech-savvy Sidekick.
High-flying genius.

TANGLE THE LEMUR
Excitable Hero.
Elastic-tailed brawler.

WHISPER THE WOLF
Silent Sniper.
Variable wispon master.

JEWEL THE BEETLE
Crystal Curator.
Restoration leader.

BELLE THE TINKERER
Clumsy Marionette.
Enthusiastic new-comer.

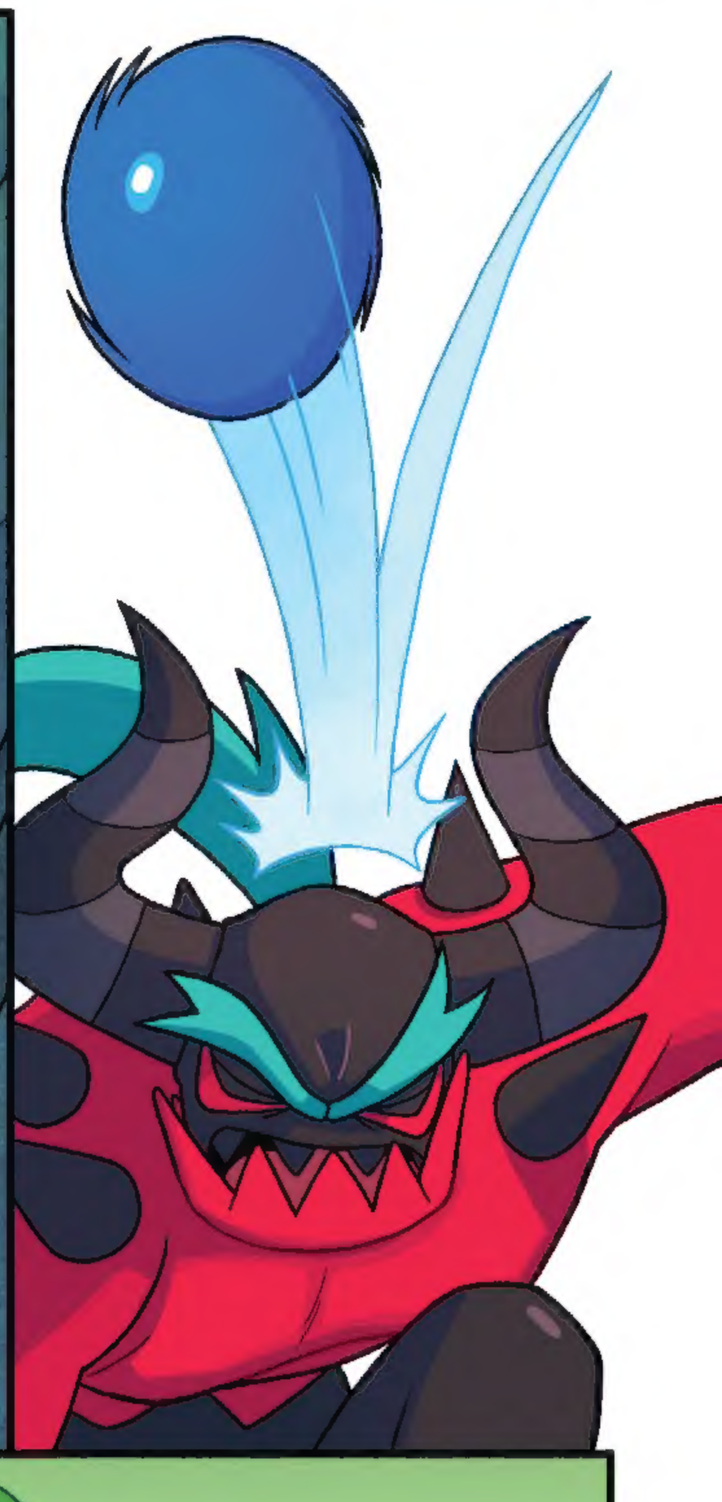
THE CHAOTIX
Ace Detective Agency.
Charmy, Vector, Espio.

THE DEADLY SIX
Zeti from Lost Hex.
Zavok, Zik, Zazz, Zeena, Zomom, Zor.

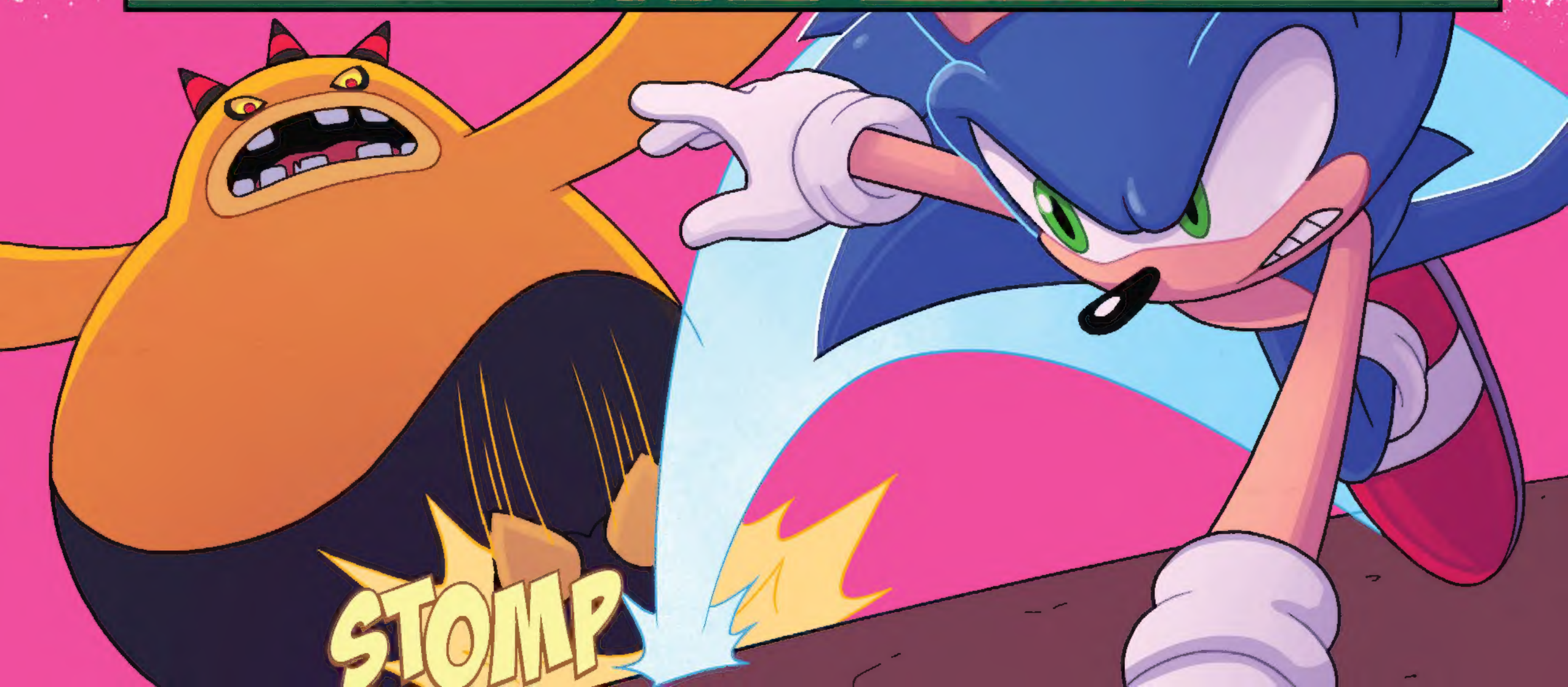
RESTORATION HQ, EMERALDVILLE.
DESTROY HIM!
PFFT! YOU CAN TRY!

SLAM

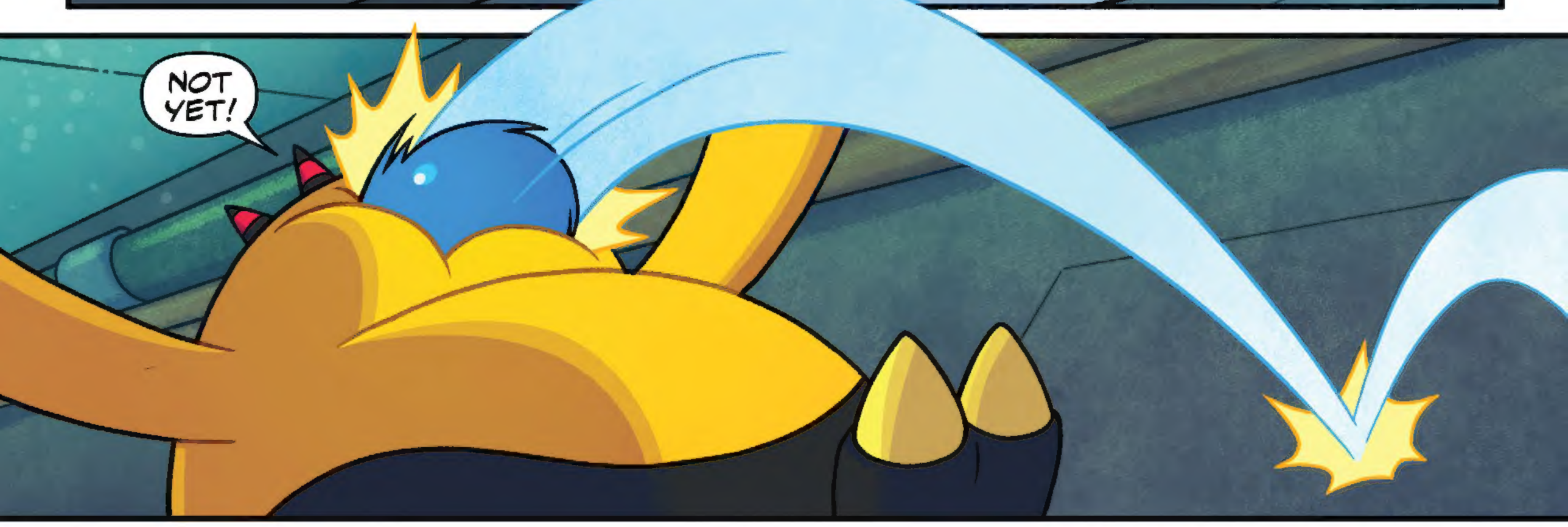
COULDN'T LEAVE WELL ENOUGH ALONE, COULD YOU?



A WHOLE WORLD TO EXPLORE AND ENJOY, AND YOU JUST *HAD* TO PICK A FIGHT.


STOMP

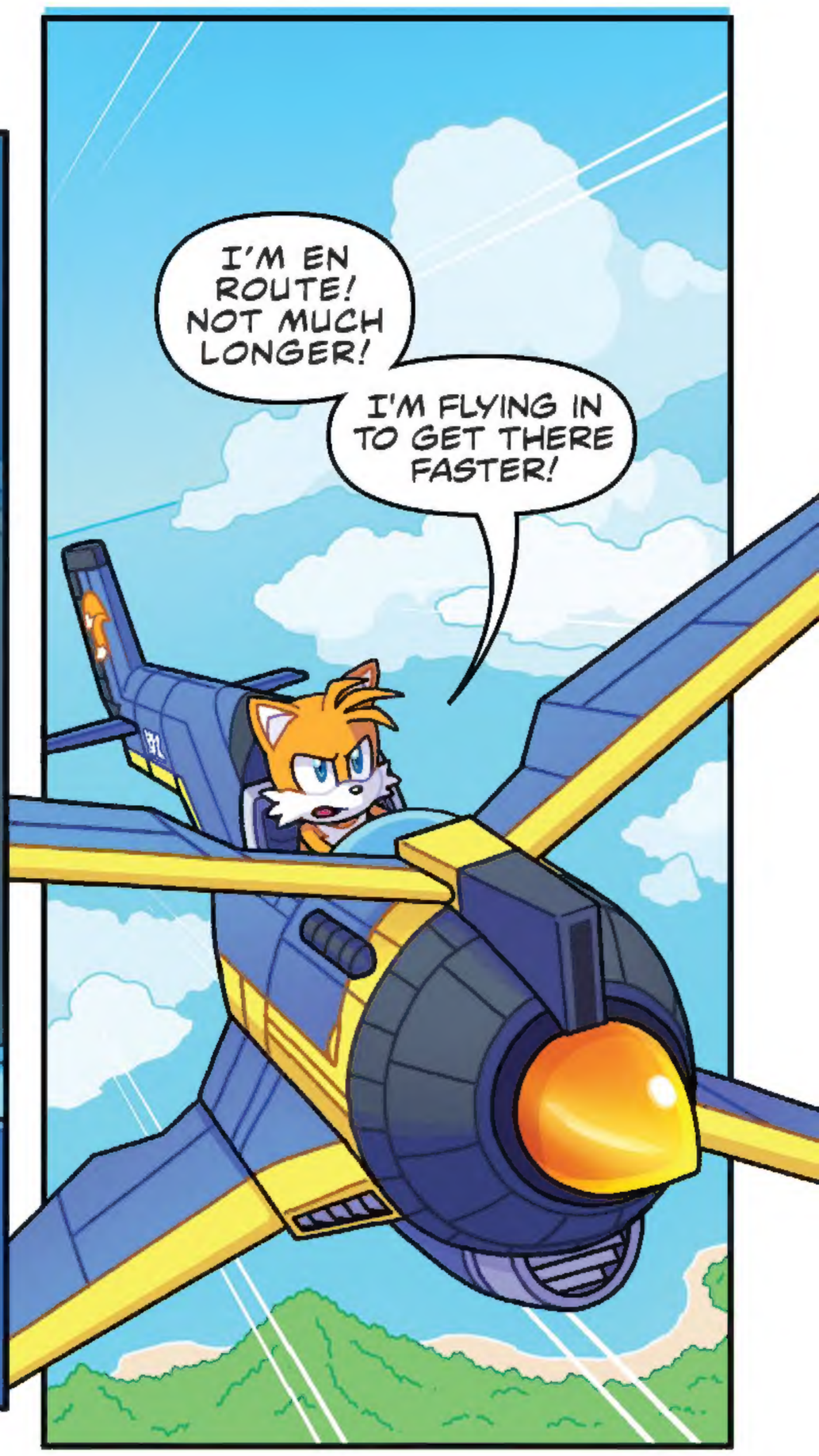
HANG ON! WE'LL BACK YOU UP!
HRNG
GRPF
MMPH


NOT YET!

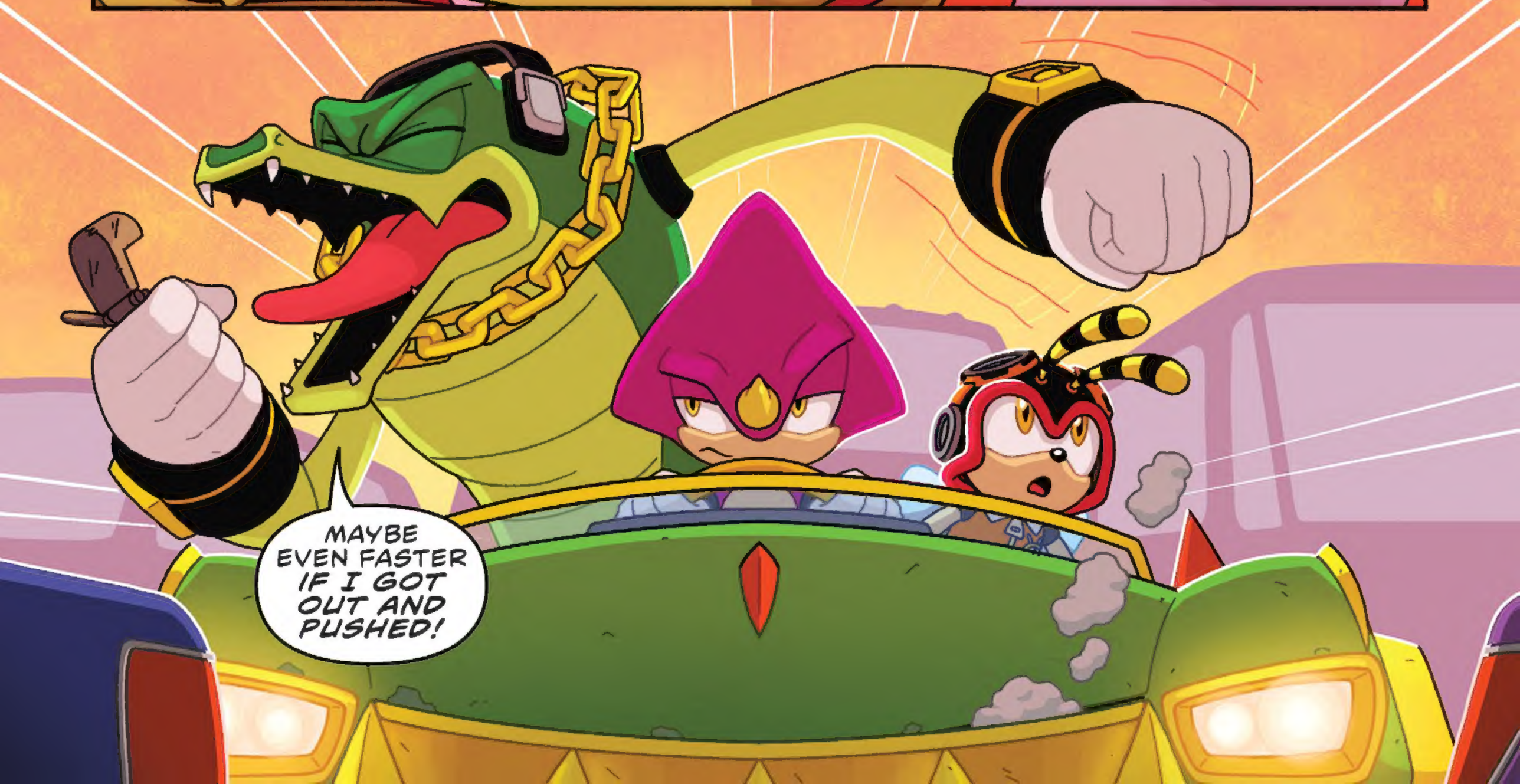
WE NEED TAILS' DOO-DADS!

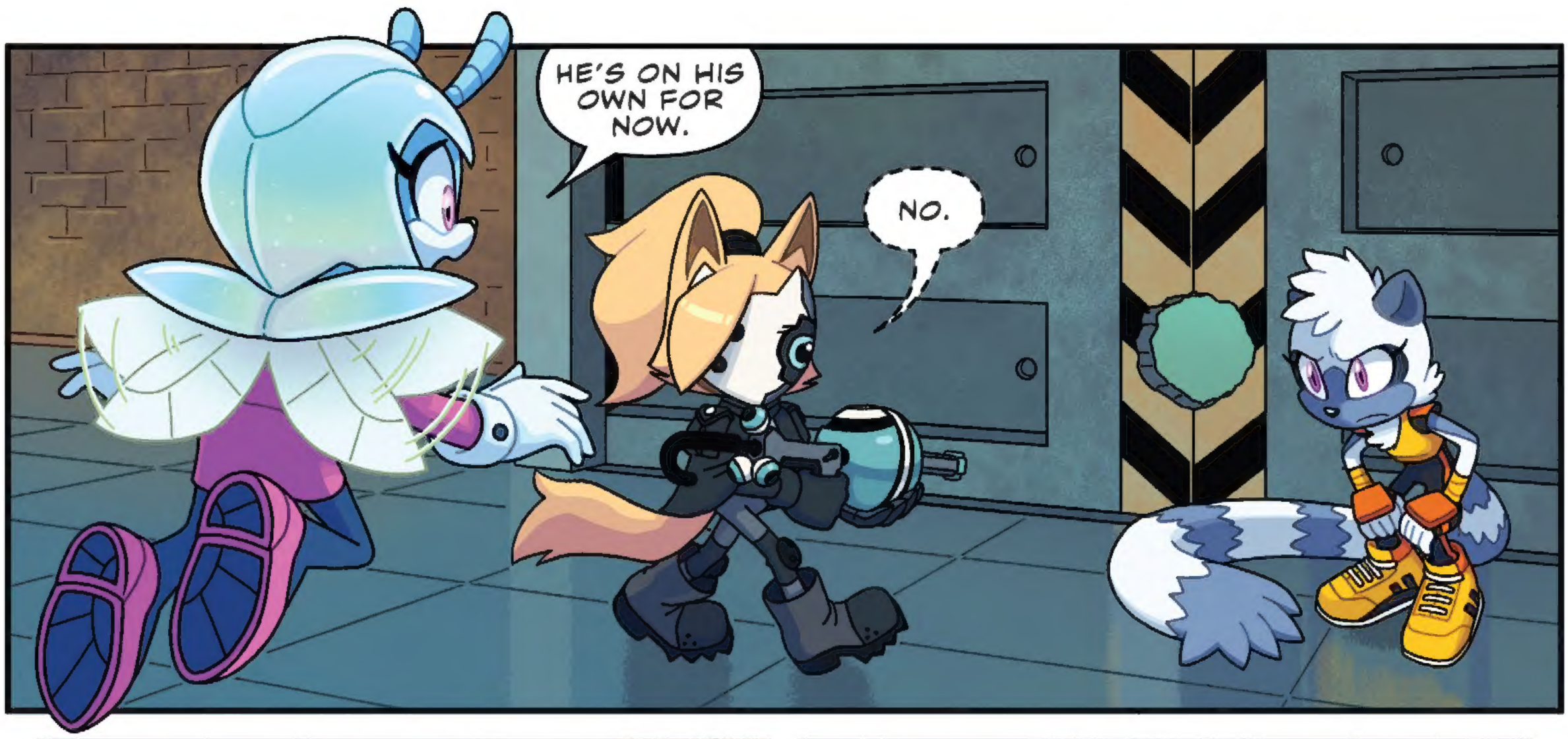
I'LL KEEP THEM BUSY UNTIL--

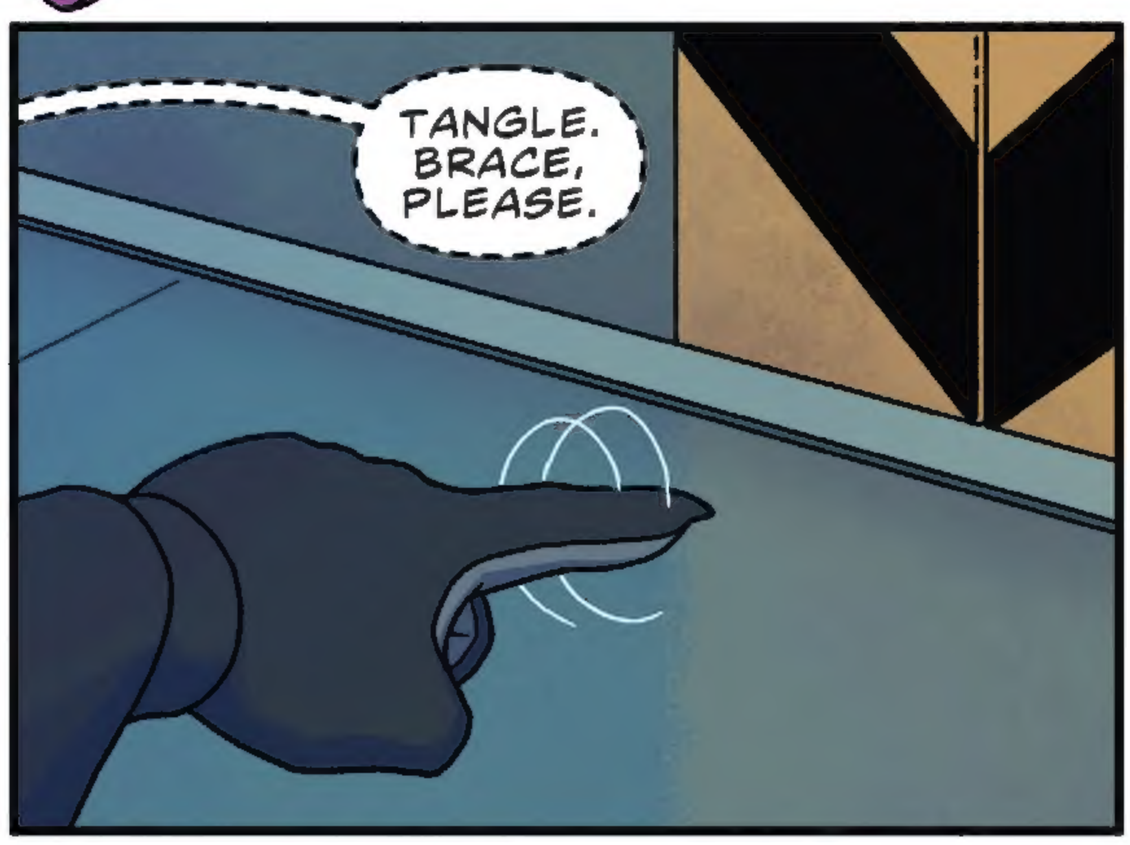
TAILS! VECTOR! YOU NEED TO HURRY!
NOBODY ELSE IS EVEN REMOTELY CLOSE TO HELP!

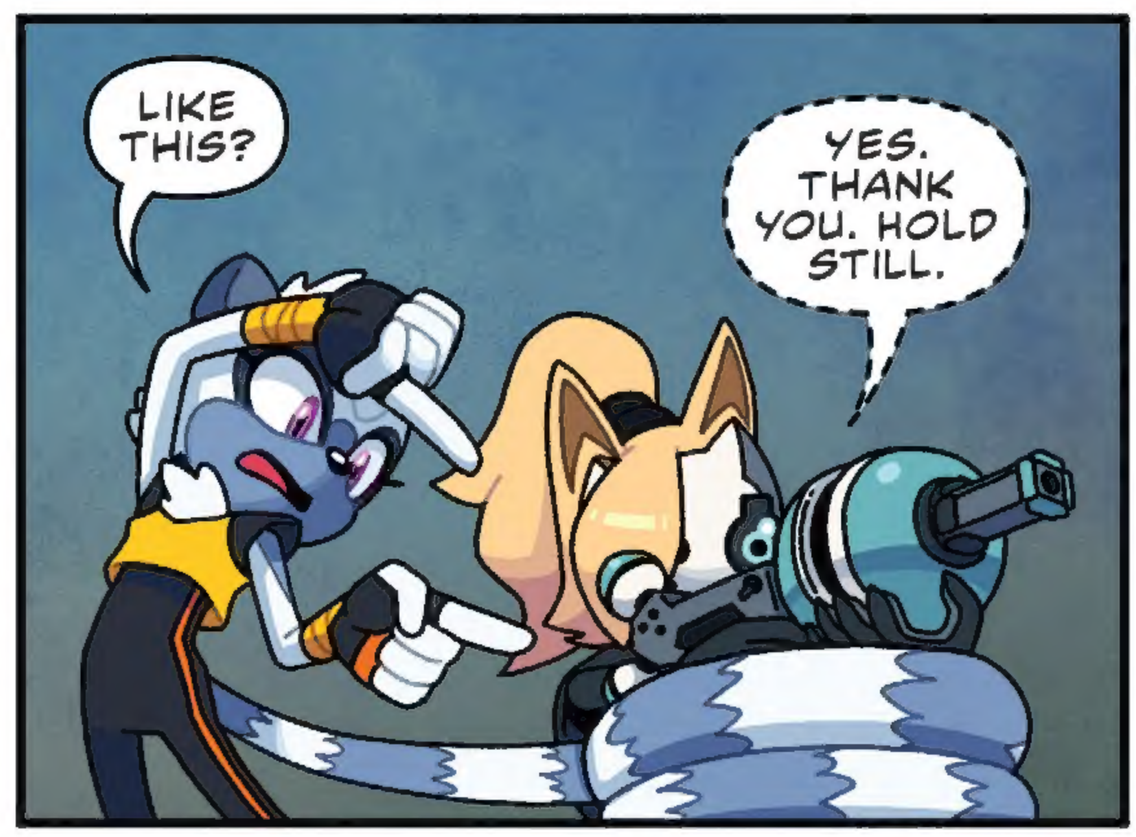

I'M EN ROUTE! NOT MUCH LONGER!
I'M FLYING IN TO GET THERE FASTER!

THE CHAOTIX ARE ON OUR WAY!


MAYBE EVEN FASTER IF I GOT OUT AND PUSHED!

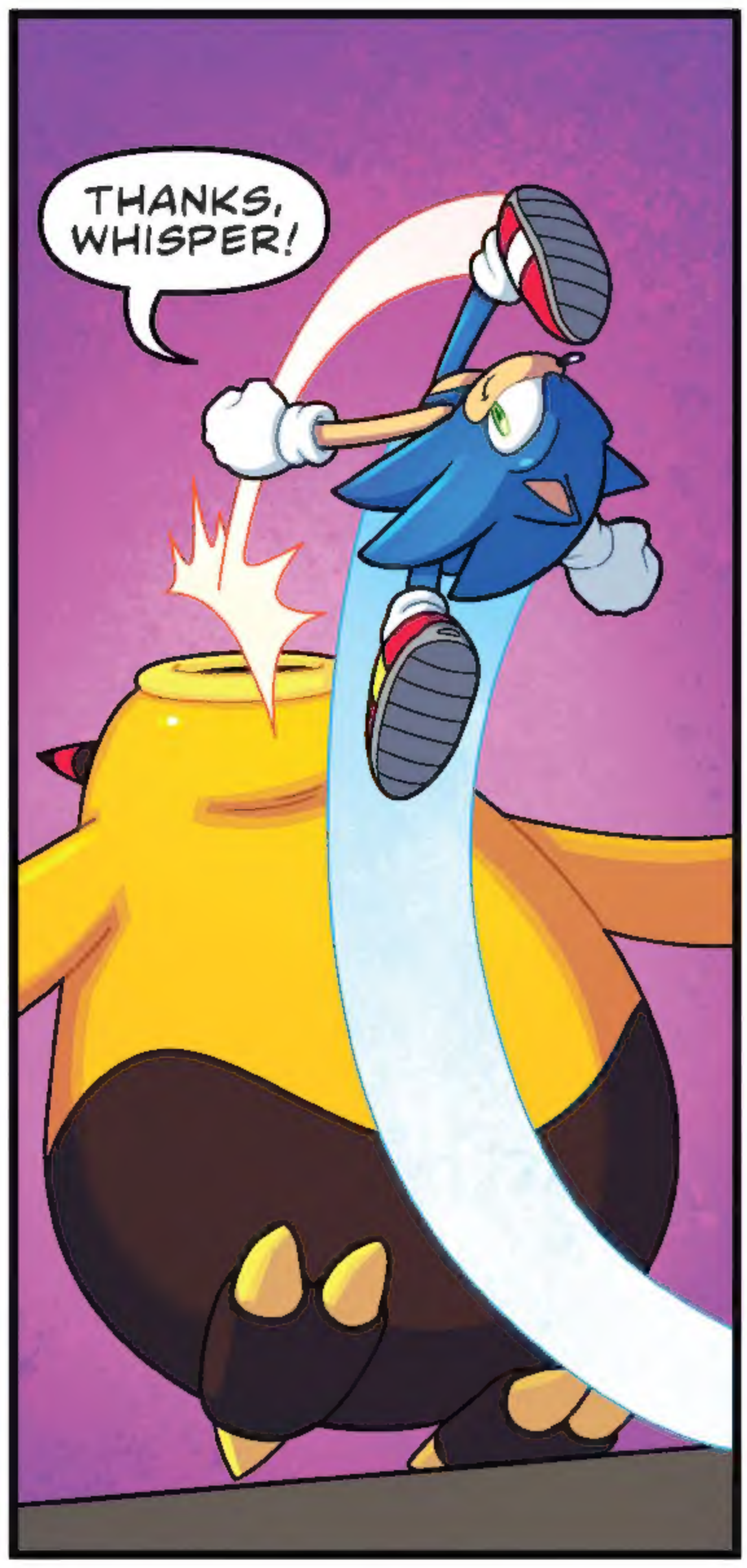

HE'S ON HIS OWN FOR NOW.
NO.


TANGLE. BRACE, PLEASE.

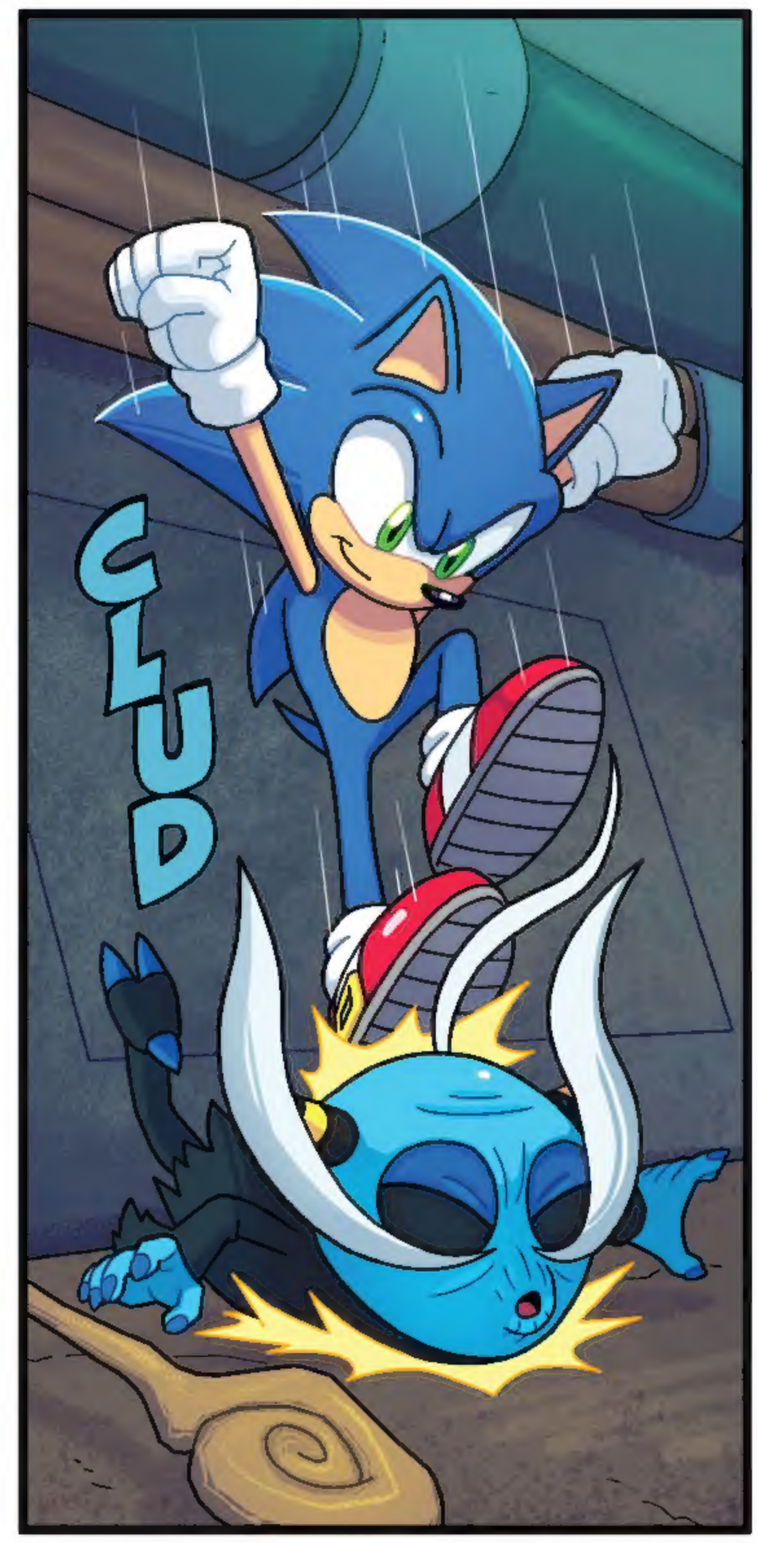

LIKE THIS?
YES. THANK YOU. HOLD STILL.

SKYOW

YOW!


THANKS, WHISPER!

CRACK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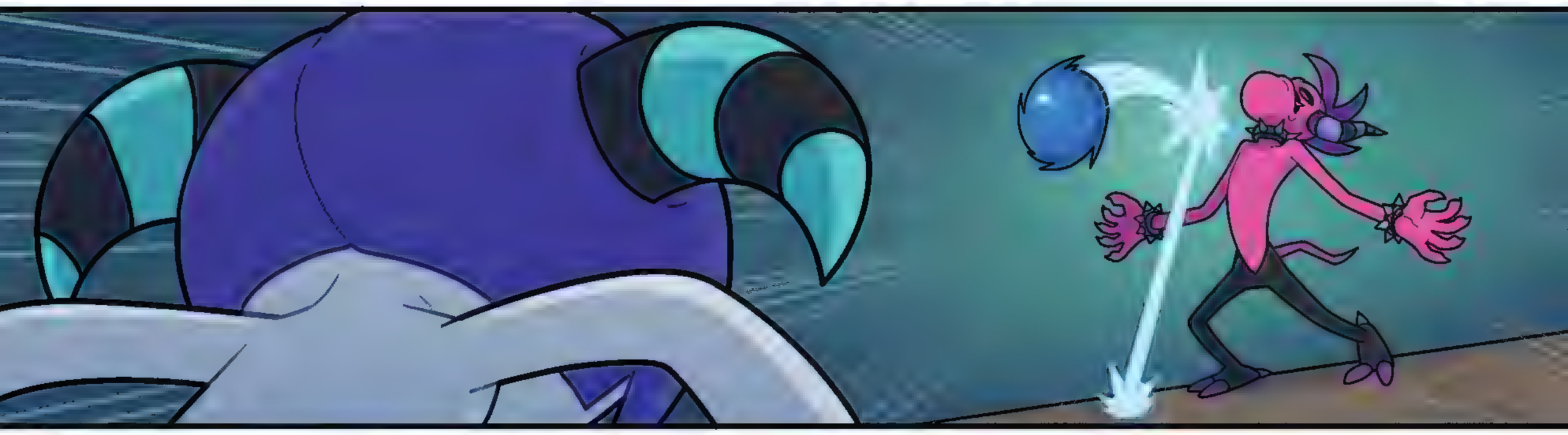
SKYOW
SKYOW
SKYOW
SKYOW

GIVE ME THAT!
POW

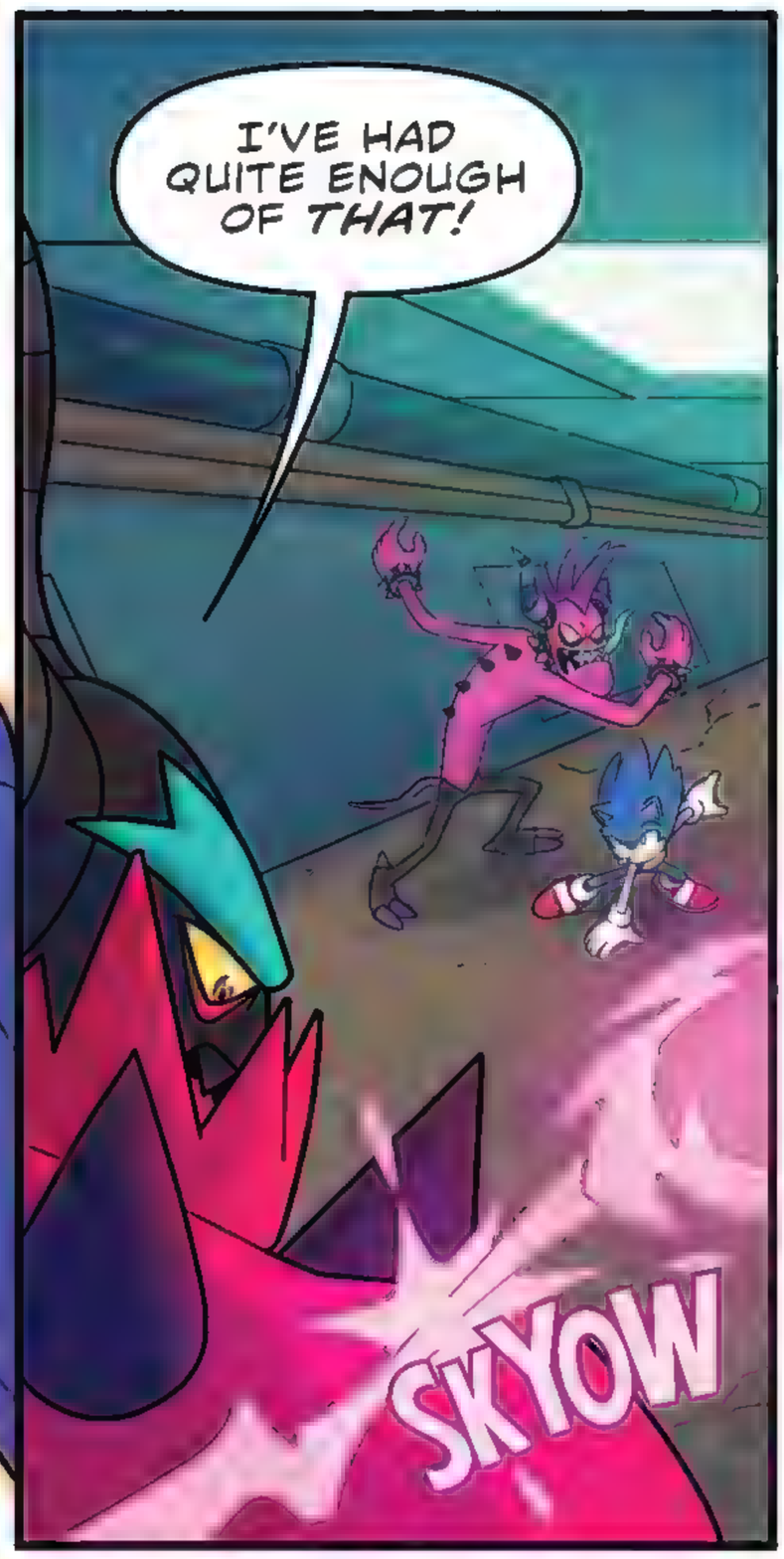
POW
YEAH! THAT'S THE STUFF! GIMME ANOTHER!
GET IN THERE AND FIGHT!
I'M LOOKING FOR THE RIGHT TIME TO STRIKE.
THEN GET UP...
...AND STRIKE!



CRASH

THANKS AGAIN!
YEAH... YEAH! NOW I'M PUMPED!

YOU UNLEASHED THE BEAST, BABY! I'M GONNA TEAR THIS WHOLE PLACE DOWN!
YAH-HA-HA-HA-HA


I'VE HAD QUITE ENOUGH OF THAT!
SKYOW

AHH!

YEAH... YOU AND ME... GONNA TEAR... TEAR IT UP...
DUDE! STOP! YOU'RE DONE!

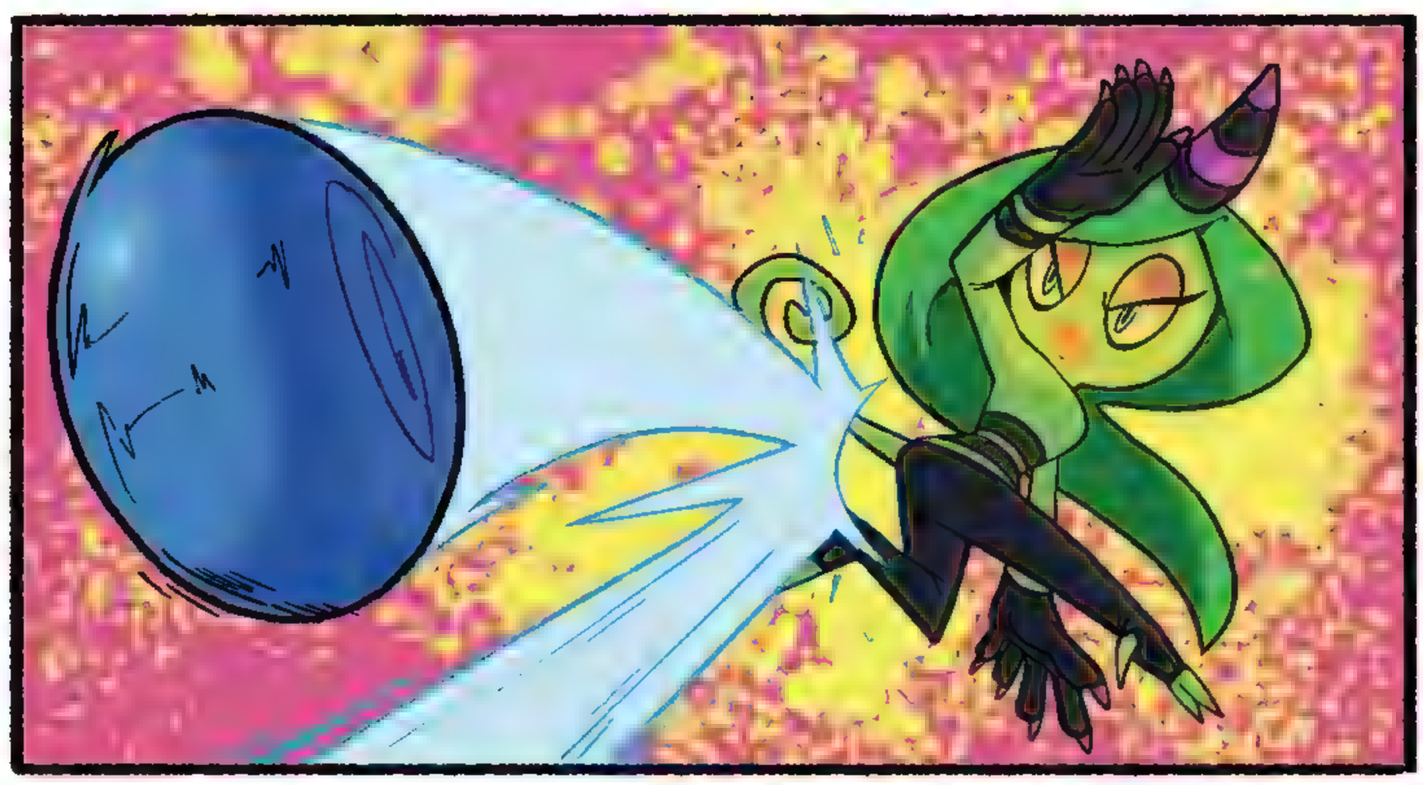
NOT DONE TILL I'M DEAD!

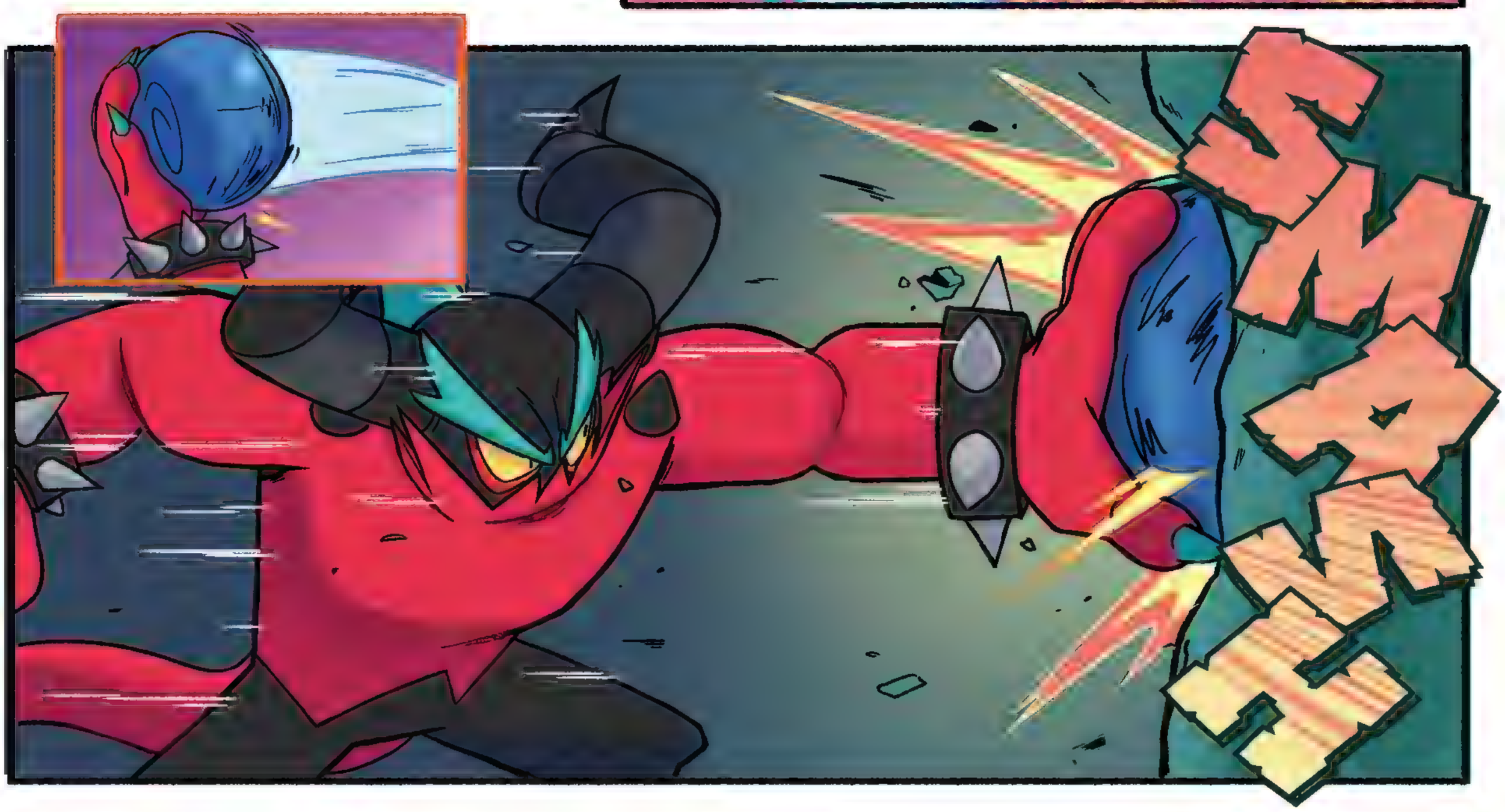
SLAM

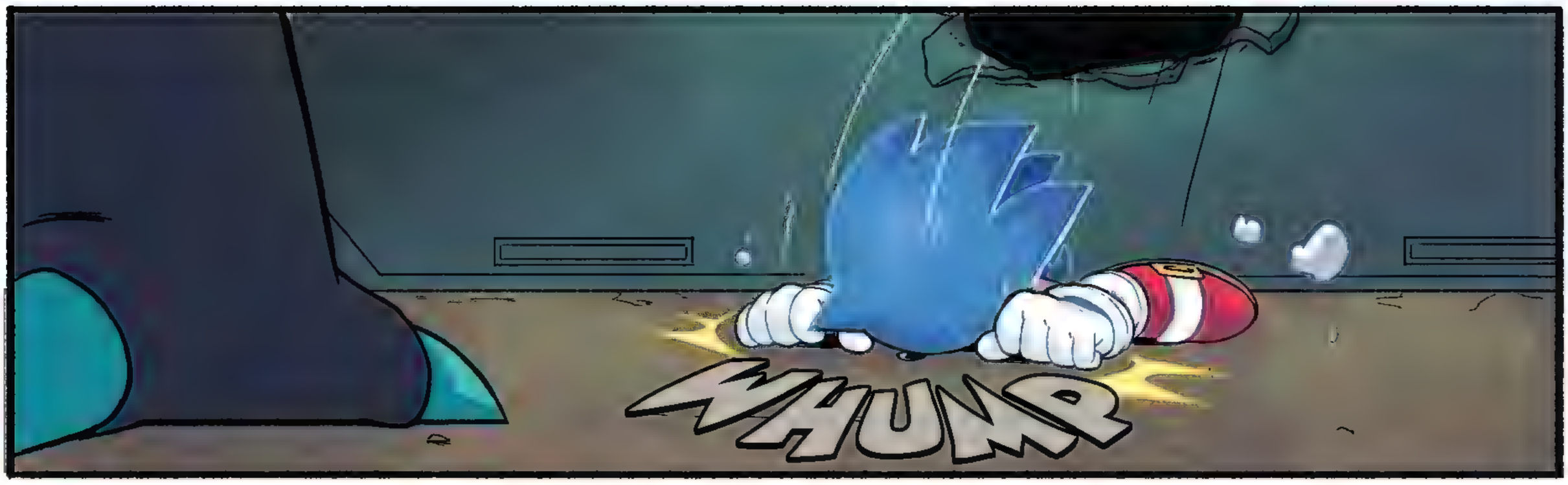
NAH. YOU'RE DONE.

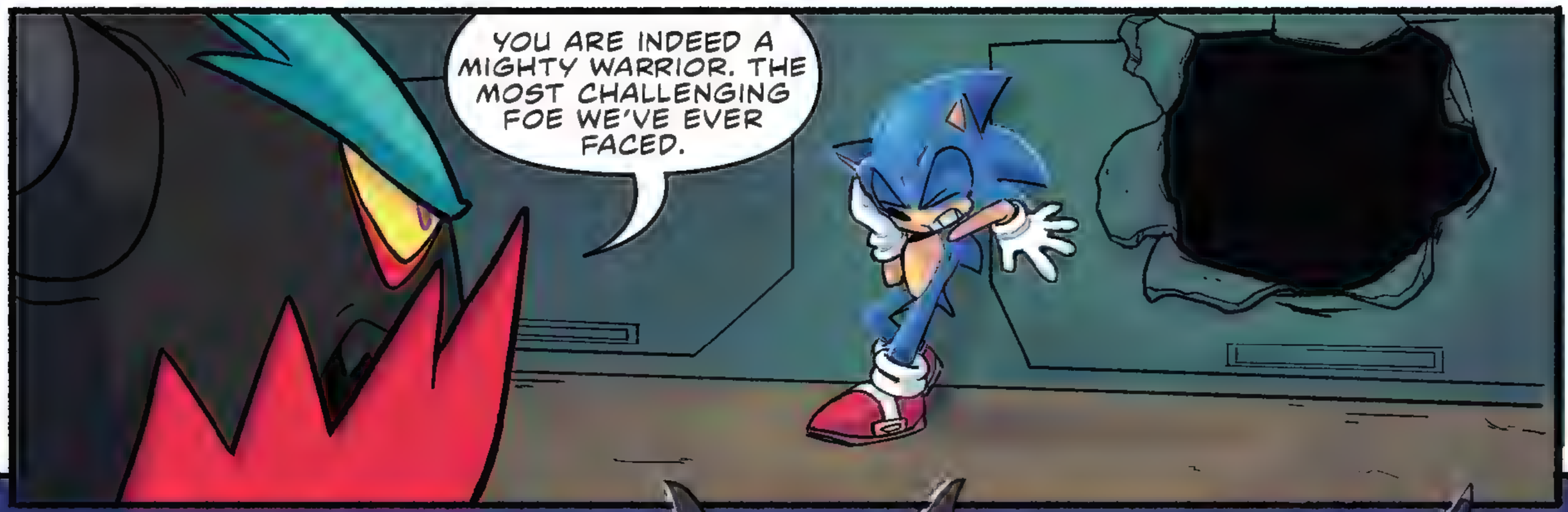
POW

I ADMIRE YOUR TENACITY.
FOR WHAT IS PERSEVERANCE, IF NOT A LESSER FORM OF RUTHLESSNESS?





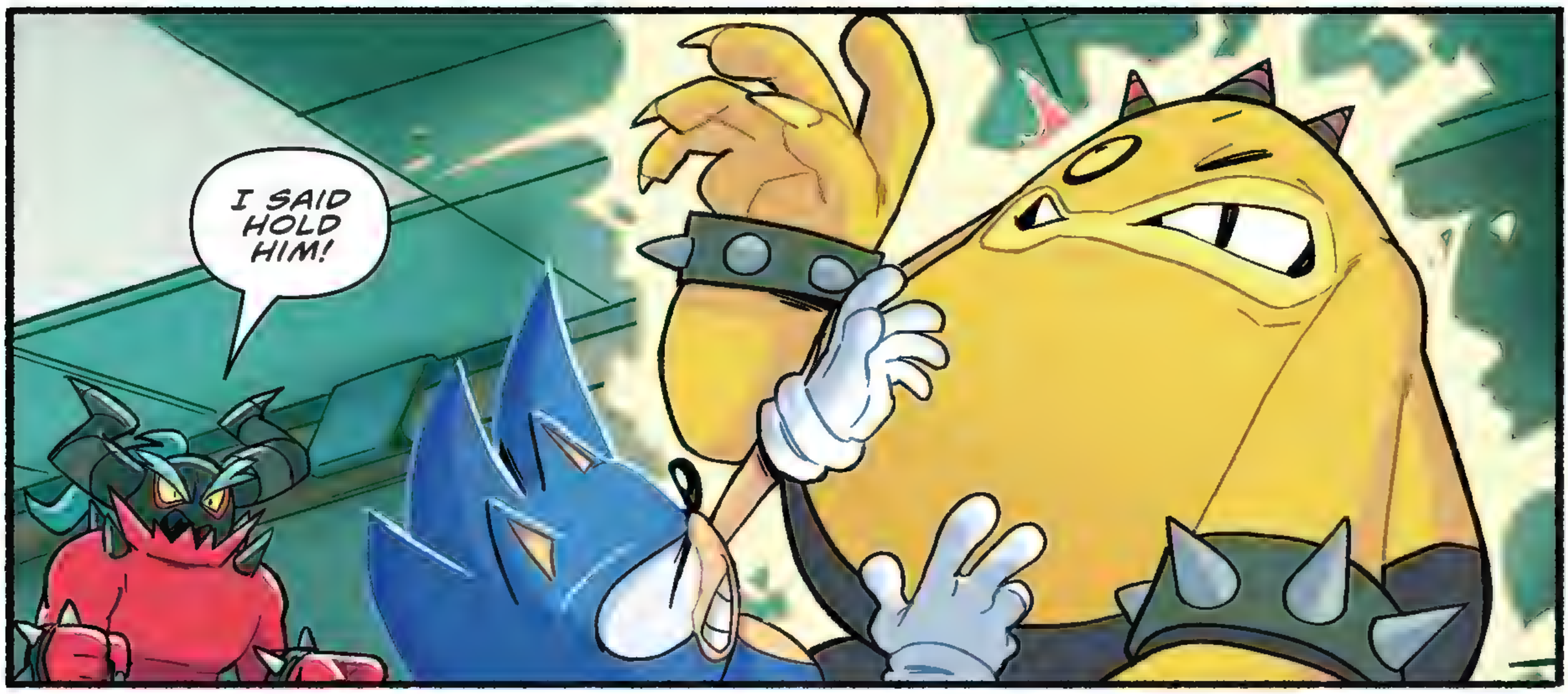

WHUMP

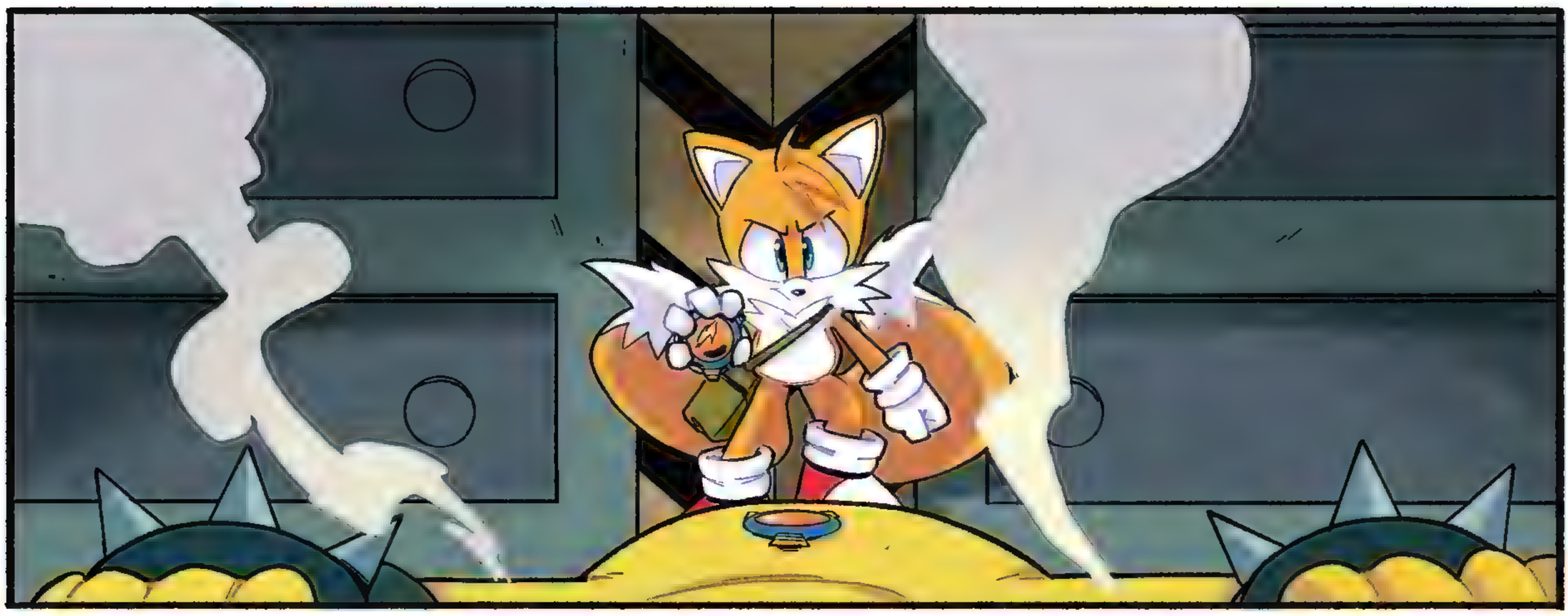

YOU ARE INDEED A MIGHTY WARRIOR. THE MOST CHALLENGING FOE WE'VE EVER FACED.

BUT CHALLENGES ARE MEANT TO BE OVERCOME.

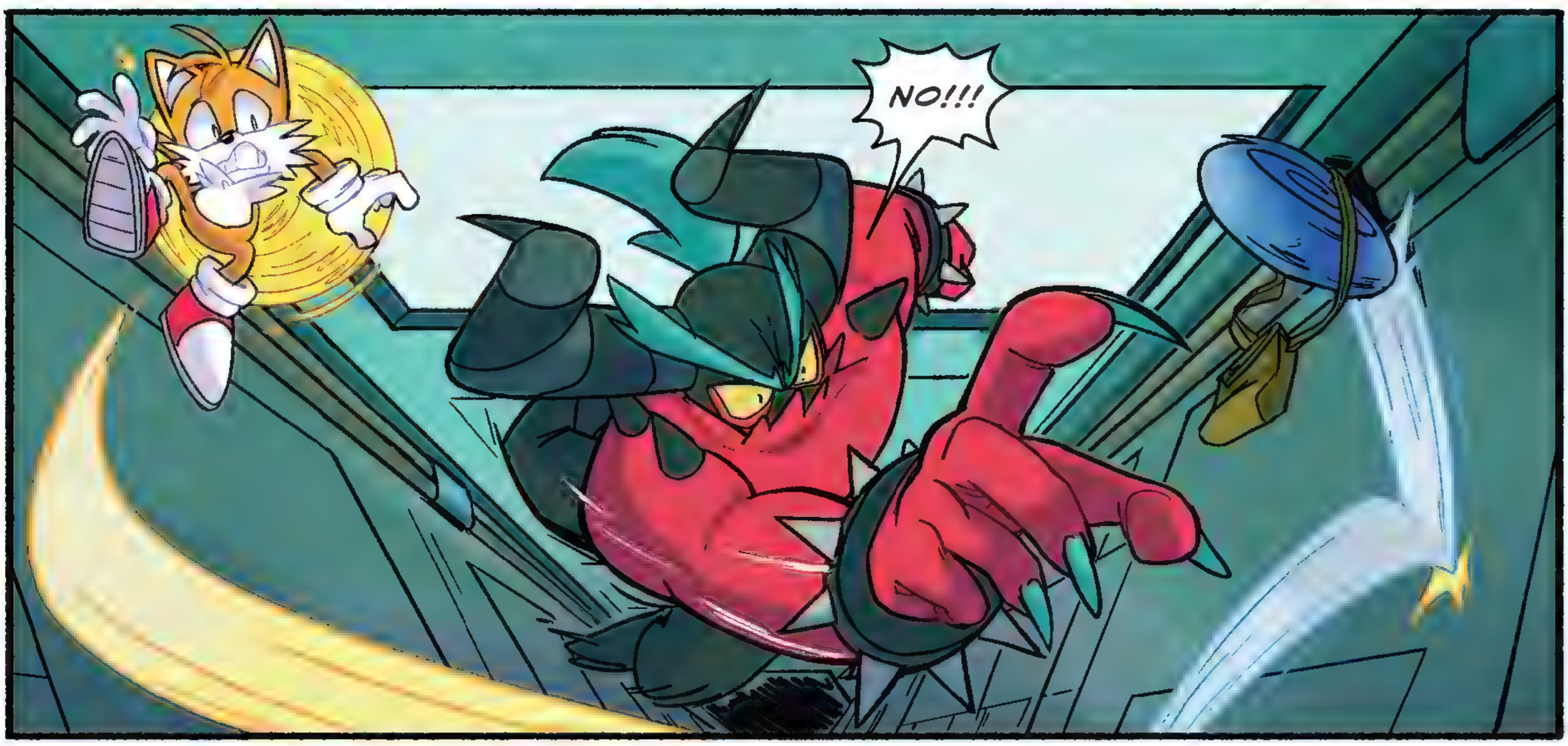
YOU'RE BITTER YOUR POETRY CIRCLE DIDN'T LIKE YOUR STUFF. I GET IT.
CAN WE JUMP TO THE PART WHERE YOU ACTUALLY DO SOMETHING?

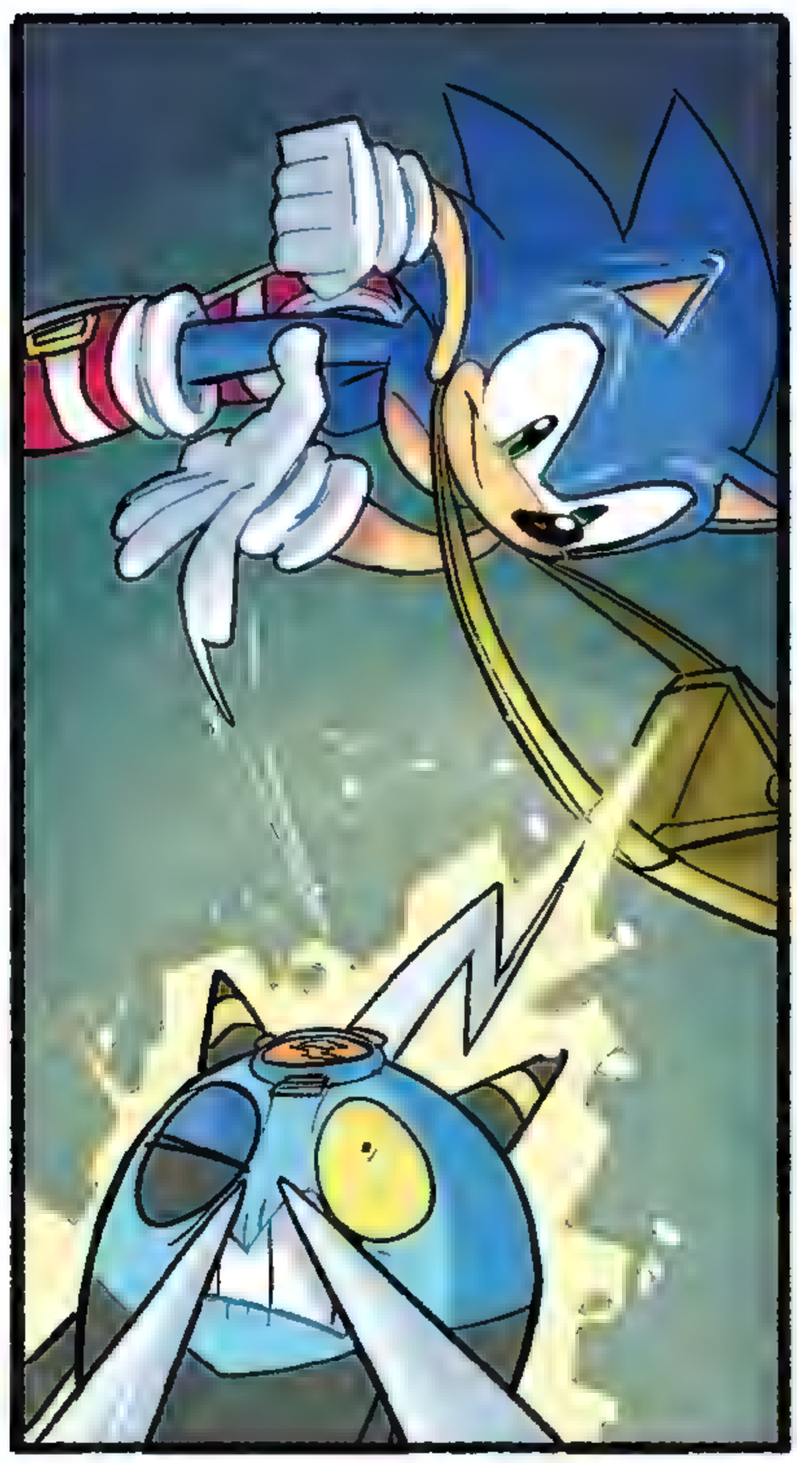
GOTCHA!
CRUNCH
HOLD HIM! I WANT ALL OF THE RESTORATION TO LISTEN AS I PEEL HIM INTO PIECES!
BETTER... THAN... LISTENING... TO... YOU... RAMBLE...

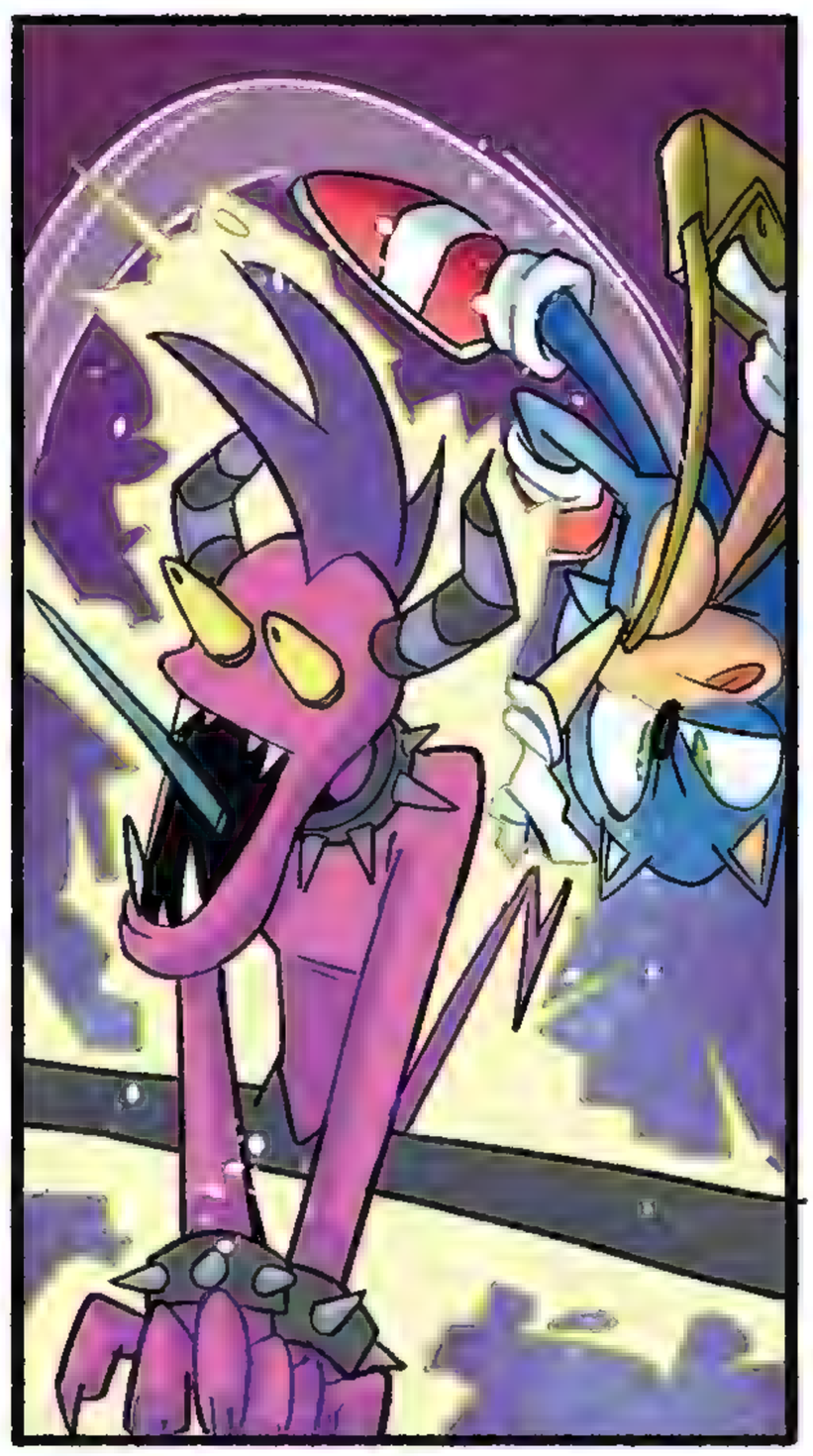

I SAID HOLD HIM!

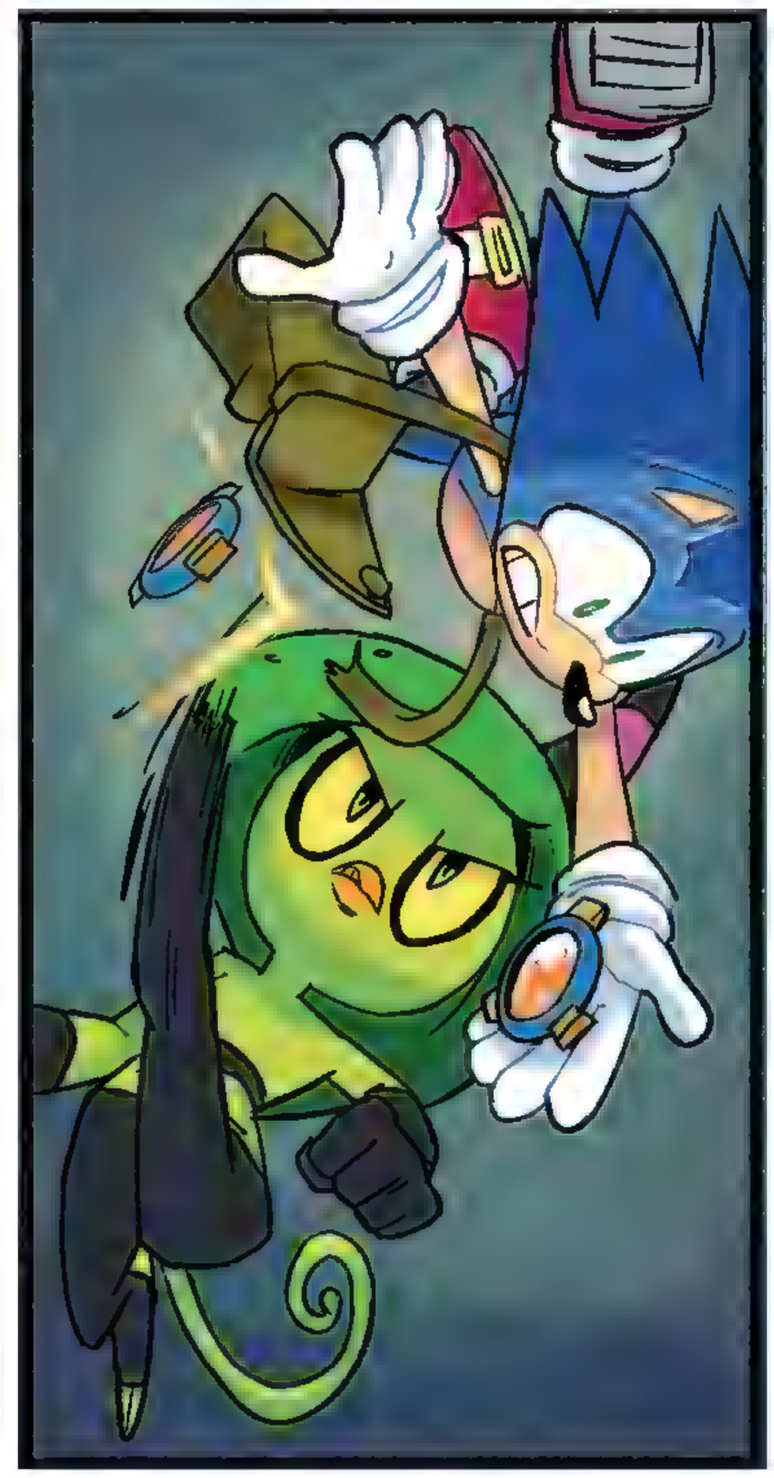


HURRY! TAG 'EM!
PERFECT TIMING!


NO!!!







WHAF

YOU'RE OUT OF TRICKS, BOY. NOW WHAT?

I USE THE SKILLS SONIC TAUGHT ME, THAT'S WHAT!

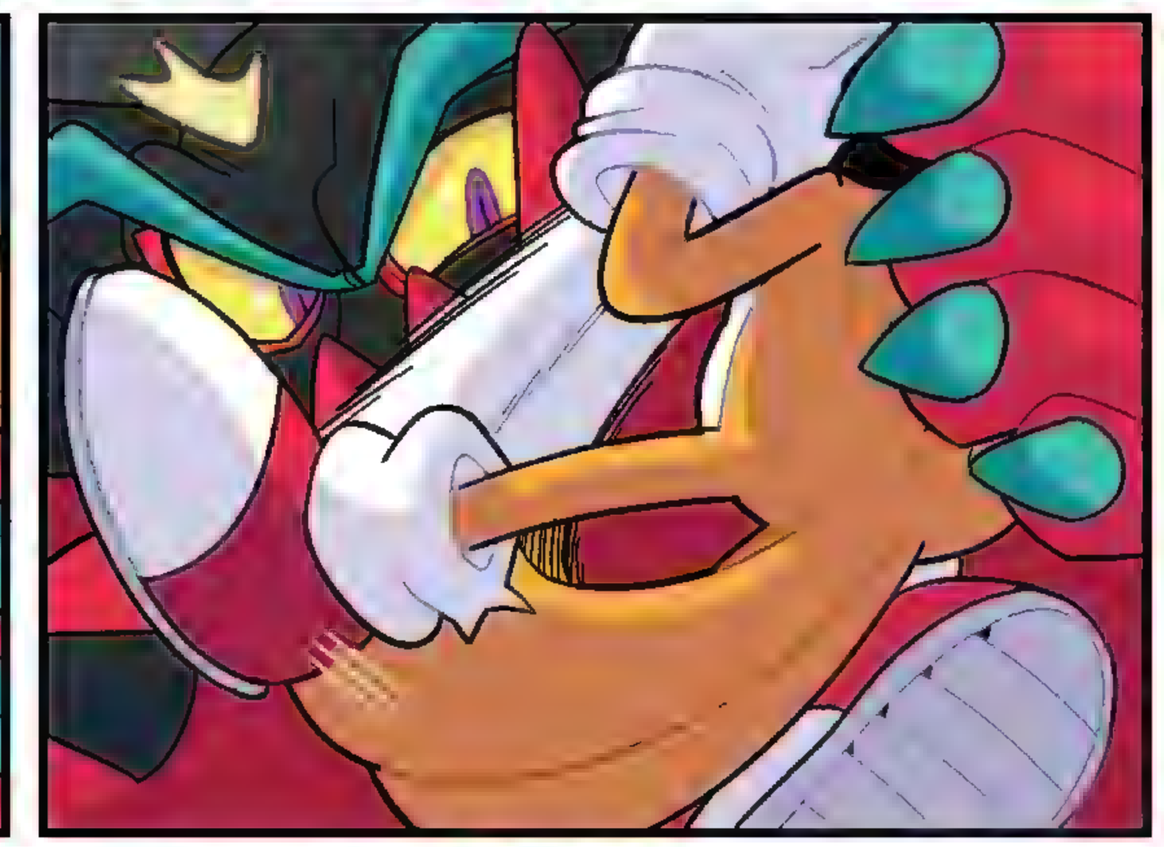
POW

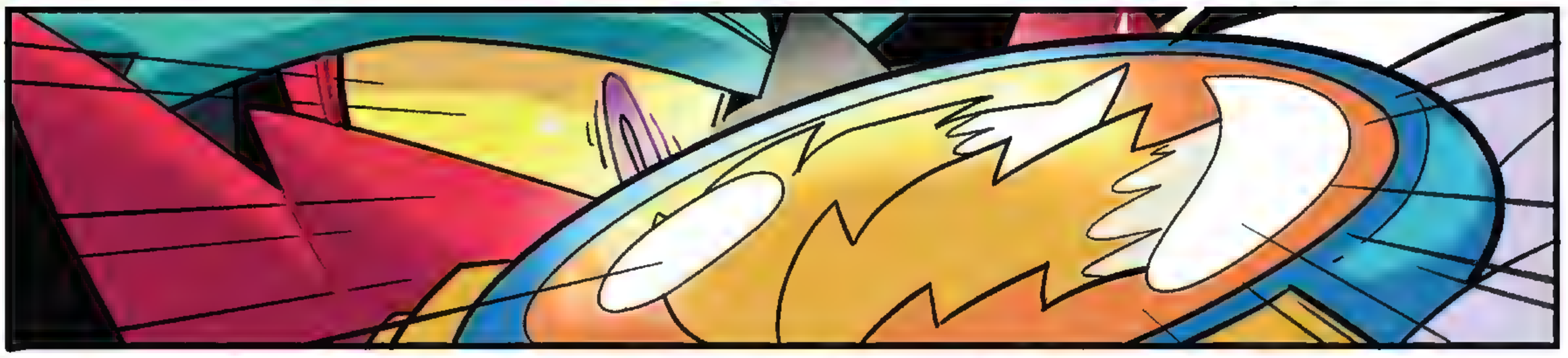
POW

WHAM

AND NOW YOUR SKILLS HAVE FAILED YOU.

GUESS I'LL JUST GO BACK TO TRICKS THEN!





GAAAAAAA...AAAAAAAAAAAHHH...

LAST ONE!

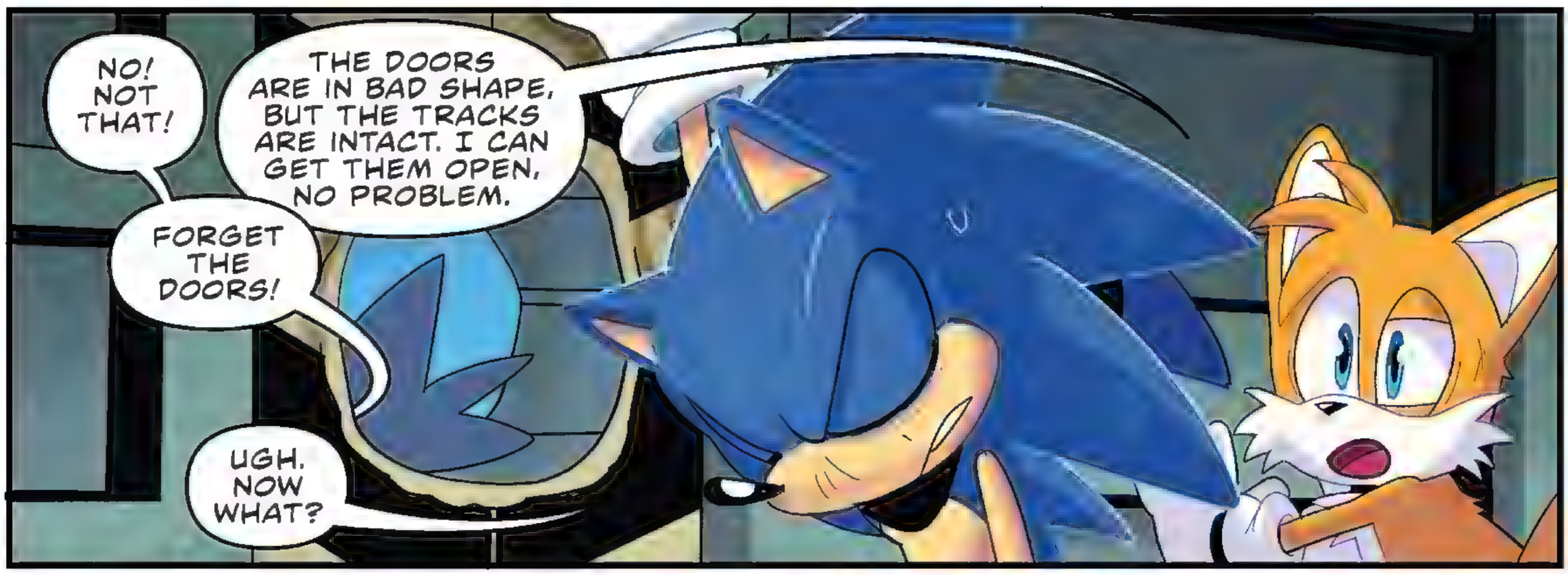
NGARGH!

O EXQUISITE AGONY... I STRUGGLE AGAINST THE PAIN... ONLY TO BE CONSUMED BY BEAUTIFUL DARKNESS...

YOU GOOD?
YEAH, ARE YOU OKAY?
WHUMP
THEY'RE CALLED THE "DEADLY SIX." THEY DON'T TICKLE.

ARE YOU OKAY?
NOTHING A CHILI DOG WON'T FIX.

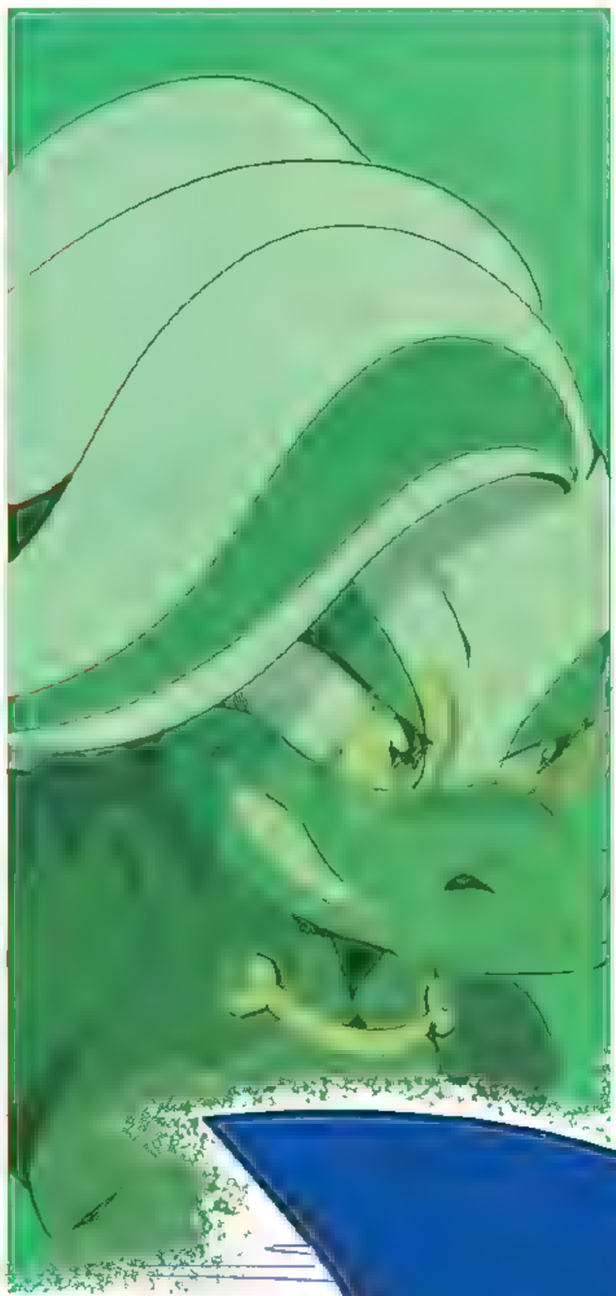
YAY! SO--WE'VE GOT A BIG PROBLEM!
NAH, TAILS SHOWED UP AND SAVED THE DAY. THE DEADLY SIX ARE DOWN. WE'RE GOOD.

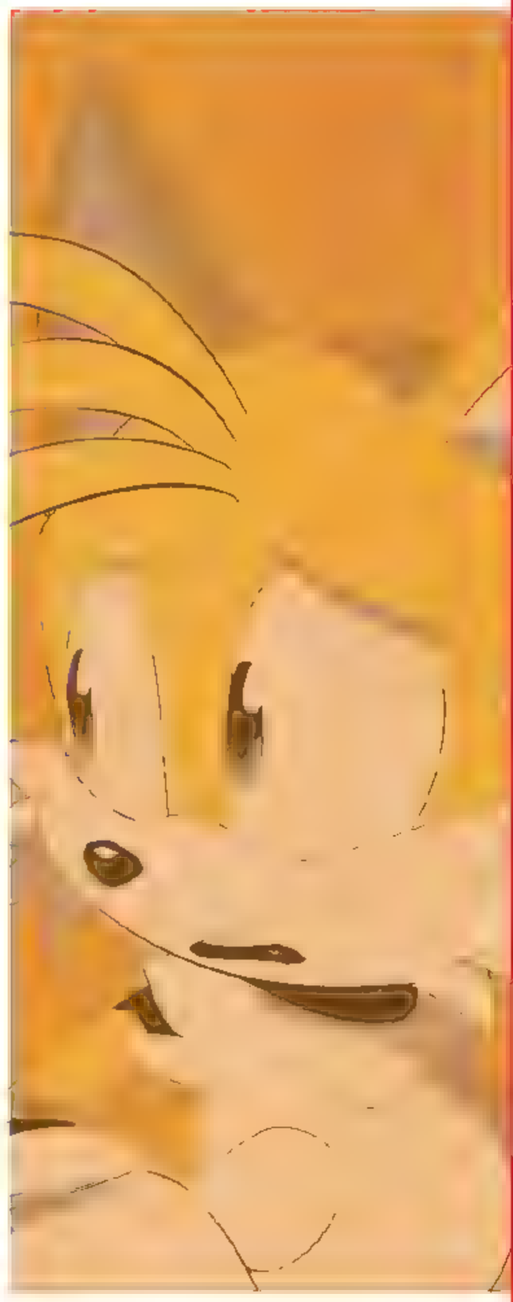

NO! NOT THAT!
THE DOORS ARE IN BAD SHAPE, BUT THE TRACKS ARE INTACT. I CAN GET THEM OPEN, NO PROBLEM.
FORGET THE DOORS!
UGH. NOW WHAT?

BELLE'S BEEN KIDNAPPED!

DR. STARLINE KIDNAPPED BELLE!
NEXT TIME:
THE FATE OF THE DEADLY SIX AND BELLE!

NEXT MONTH





SONIC LETTERS SQUAD

Shalom, Sonic Friends! Somebody ring the alarm bell, Belle is M.I.A.! Thank you for joining Ian Flynn, Jamal Peppers, Bracardi Curry, Thomas Rothlisberger, Reggie Graham, Valentina Pinto, and Shawn Lee for part three of "Zeti Hunt"! Now, let's check out your letters and art, and get to know a bit more about artist Jamal Peppers!

ART BY CARTER

Hi IDW my name is Andres and I'm 14 from Mexico but I moved to the US when I was 9 and for the first couple of years Sonic was the only thing that motivated me to learn English and seeing so many passionate people work on something that means so much to me makes me really happy. My favorite character is Dr. Starline and I was kind of upset when his avalanche plan didn't work.

I also wanna ask if anyone on the team knows Spanish?

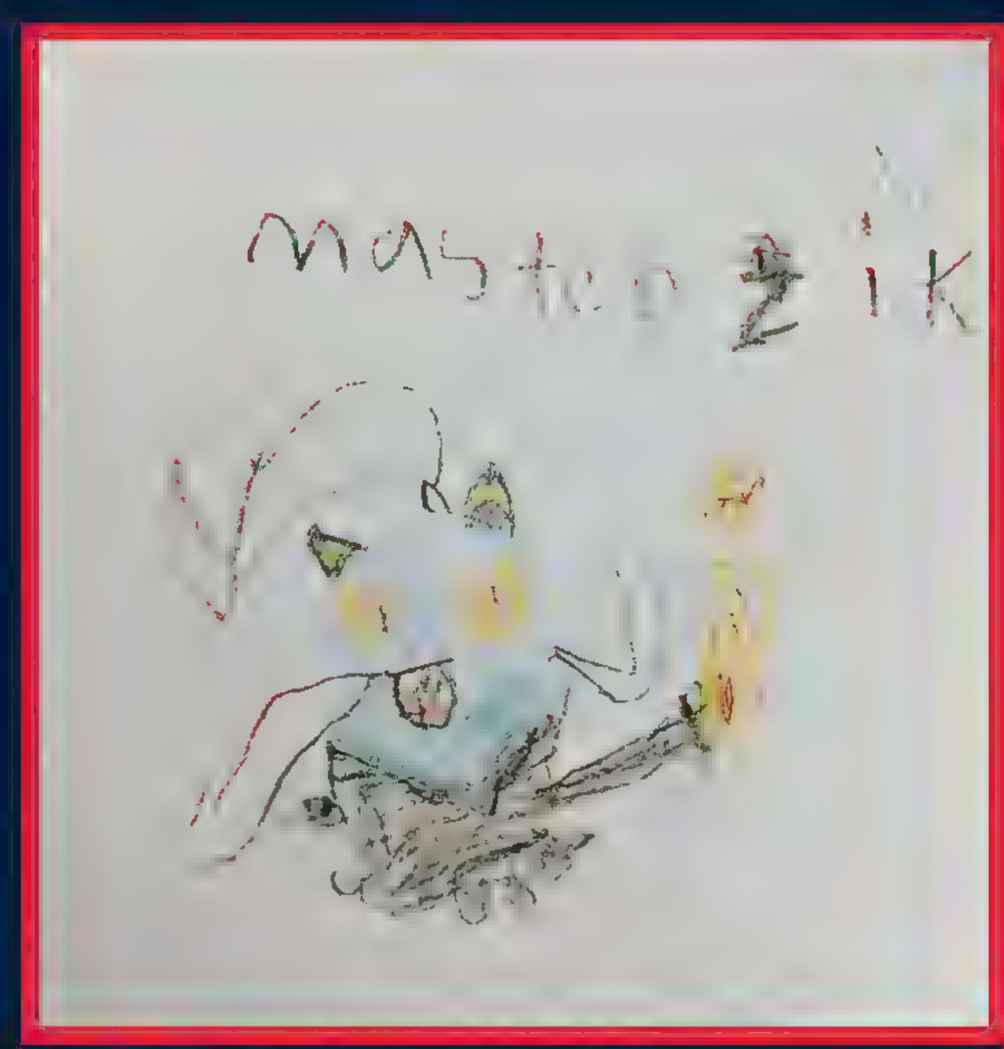
Anyways keep up the great work.

Hi, Andres! Wow, I'm so impressed that you learned English from Sonic! Although now I'm wondering if you learned actually important words from Sonic or if you just learned to say "chili dog," and make really bad egg puns... Either way, I'm glad Sonic and the creative team could help you adjust to a new country, I know that must've been difficult. But besides being super fast, Sonic is always brave and never backs down when things are hard, right? Sometimes you have to be brave like Sonic! Which may be cheesy... but it's true!

Also, I don't believe that many people on the team speak Spanish (at least not fluently), but if you ever watch the Sonic livesteams on Twitch or YouTube, Jasmin shares a Sonic-specific Spanish word every stream. Recently, she's been teaching everyone colors! Also also, the first couple of volumes have been translated into Spanish.

Thank you for your letter!

ART BY JACK



ART BY ISAAC

CREATOR CORNER:

JAMAL PEPPERS

1. What part of the Sonic comics do you create?

I do the artwork for the comic. I've done cover and interior art. For the interior pages I do the line art which is then colored by one of the many talented colorists who work on the Sonic comics.

2. Who's your favorite Sonic character in the IDW books?

Sonic is my favorite! And Tails... and Whisper... and Tangle... and Silver... and Vector... and... I like all of them.

3. How do you take your chili dog?

With extra chili.

4. How did you first discover Sonic?

I first discovered Sonic, like so many others, when the original game was released. I remember going to my friend's house and seeing it in person for the first time. I was a big Nintendo fan so it wasn't easy to admit that I liked the game.

5. What was the first IDW Sonic issue you worked on?

The first issue I worked on was #3. I did one of the covers for that issue.

6. What's a boring fact about yourself?

I take long walks.

7. What's your favorite comic (besides Sonic)?

Too many great comics to choose just one. Other than Sonic? If it has Mega Man, Ninja Turtles, Star Wars, or Star Trek in it, I'll be happy.

8. What do you do when you're not drawing working on Sonic?

I take long walks.

9. What's the most unusual Sonic thing you own?

A Sonic action figure that's missing half of an arm.

10. If you could go to dinner with one Sonic character, who would it be and why?

Sonic because we could have a chili dog eating contest.

11. What kind of animal would you be in Sonic's universe?

I'd be a Tiger.

Thanks for joining us, Squad. Don't forget to send your art and letters to letters@idwpublishing.com, and make sure to mark them: "OKAY TO PRINT!" And join the IDW Sonic Comics Squad on Facebook! Next month, find out the fate of Belle in "Zeti Hunt" part four!

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